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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS ON SECRETARY'S PRESS CONFERENCE

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1. PRAVDA (OCTOBER 9) AND IZVESTIYA (OCTOBER 8) CARRY SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT SUMMARIES OF TASS REPORT (FULL TEXT TASS ENGLISH WIRE OCTOBER 7) ON SECRETARY'S PRESS CONFERENCE. MAIN DIFFERENCE IN ACCOUNTS IS PRAVDA'S OMISSION OF SECRETARY'S ANNOUNCEMENT ON BEGINNING OF PNE TALKS WHICH IZVESTIYA STORY REPORTS. ALL ACCOUNTS OMIT SECRETARY'S REFERENCES TO CANCELLATION OF SOVIET-U.S. GRAIN CONTRACTS AND STATUS OF JACKSON-VANICK AMENDMENT.

2. PRESS ACCOUNTS REPORT SECRETARY'S SUPPORT FOR
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DETENTE, QUOTING HIM AS SAYING "IMPROVEMENT IN EAST-

WEST RELATIONS IS ONE OF KEY OBJECTIVES OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY." HOWEVER, PRESS MODIFIES REFERENCE TO INCLUSION OF "SOME OF OUR TRADITIONAL FRIENDS IN EAST EUROPE" IN DETENTE PROCESS BY QUOTING SECRETARY TO EFFECT THAT DETENTE IS OBJECTIVE NOT ONLY VIS-A-VIS USSR BUT "THE OTHER SOCIALIST STATES OF EASTERN EUROPE AS WELL." ON GIEREK VISIT, PRESS SAYS SECRETARY EXPRESSED HOPE THAT VISIT "WILL LEAD TO IMPROVEMENT IN U.S.- POLISH RELATIONS" BUT OMITTS HIS ALLUSION TO SIGNIFICANCE OF VISIT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF DETENTE.

3. ON OTHER INTERNATIONAL TOPICS BOTH PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA REPORT SECRETARY SAID HE HAS NO CONCRETE PROPOSALS TO PUT FORTH DURING HIS ME TRIP AND THAT HE "DOES NOT INTEND TO MEET WITH PLO LEADERS." ON CYPRUS REPORTS SAY SECRETARY SAID SETTLEMENT AND RESUMPTION OF TALKS DEPEND ON SEVERAL FACTORS INCLUDING GREEK AND TURKISH DOMESTIC PLITICAL SITUATION. PRAVDA ALSO REPORTS SECRETARY SAID U.S. POLICY TOWARD CUBA IS BEING DISCUSSED WITH LATIN AMERICAN STATES AND U.S. POSITION WILL BE FORMULATED AFTER TALKS ARE CONCLUDED.
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